Regional Sediment Management Policy and Implementation Workshop

14-15 April, 2009

2005 RSM Policy Workshop

General and focused discussions to assist in developing an RSM action plan.

Products

- RSM “Success”/Vision and Goals – desired end state
- Critical issues that constrain achievement of success
- Priorities to overcome constraints
- Performance Measures that indicate progress

Definition: ***Regional Sediment Management is a systems-based approach for collaboratively solving sediment-related problems within a regional context.***

RSM is full implemented when:

- *RSM is embraced and incorporated into all standard business practices.*
- *Sediment is adaptively managed as a resource through win-win collaboration with all stakeholders.*
- *Sound science, technology and engineering are used in sediment management planning and decision making*
- *Decisions and actions reflect a broad appreciation for and understanding of natural sediment systems and dynamics.*
- *Regional strategies guide investment to achieve long-term economic, environmental, and social benefits.*
- *Projects are managed adaptively with sediment considered as a resource through collaboration among all stakeholders.*

RSM Implementation Action Plans

- Actions Headquarters, Division, and District roles
- Interagency relationships
- Authorities and funding
- Data management
- Technical issues
- RSM plan elements

High Scoring Action Items

- Develop RSM operating principles
- Share data with other agencies and entities – common delivery framework
- Develop economic tools and guidance on system benefits and using information in decisions
- Identify forums to inform and engage middle managers about RSM approach
- Districts should participate in their regional IOOS and identify opportunities for synergy
- General Strock/Riley should direct Division Commanders to implement RSM approach and operating principles

RSM Policy and Implementation

- What are the key obstacles to achieving success in RSM?
- What are your success stories in implementing RSM?
- What policy improvements are needed to support RSM implementation?
- What are useful measures of success to assess RSM implementation?
- What relationships (interagency and internal to the Corps) need to be cultivated for successful implementation of RSM?
- How can the RSM approach and experiences be communicated more effectively?
- What ideas do you have for funding RSM implementation?